

CHAPTER 2F. SPECIFIC SERVICE SIGNS

Section 2F.01 Eligibility

Standard:

All references to the “attraction” services in this section (Paragraph 1, Paragraph 6 and Paragraph 9 sub-heading E) are deleted and shall not be applicable in California. California Streets and Highways Code, Division 1, Chapter 1, Article 3, Section 101.7 and California Code of Regulations, Title 21, Division 2, Chapter 19, Sections 2100 through 2120, do not include the “attractions” category.

In Paragraph 2 (“The use of...”), the word “should” is changed to “shall”. Refer California Streets and Highways Code, Division 1, Chapter 1, Article 3, Section 101.7.

Paragraph 3 (“Where an engineering study...”) is deleted and shall not be applicable in California. California Streets and Highways Code, Division 1, Chapter 1, Article 3, Section 101.7 includes the use of specific service signs for freeways only.

In Paragraph 4 (“Specific service signs...”), the word “should” is changed to “shall”. Refer California Code of Regulations, Title 21, Division 2, Chapter 19, Section 2108(d).

Paragraphs 7 (“Distance to eligible...”) and 8 (“If, within the...”) are deleted for application and shall not be used in California.

Throughout this section, the word “Gas” is changed to “Fuel”. In California, the generic term FUEL is used for GAS.

The following is added to this section:

Support:

Refer California Streets and Highways Code, Division 1, Chapter 1, Article 3, Section 101.7 and California Code of Regulations, Title 21, Division 2, Chapter 19, Sections 2100 through 2120 for detailed policies on specific service signs. See Section 1A.11 for information regarding these publications.

Sign Eligibility Criteria

Standard:

A qualified specific service shall meet the following minimum criteria:

1. Fuel

The business:

- A. Shall be located not more than 1.6 km (1 mi) from the interchange where the Logo Panel is to be displayed according to the State Measured Distance.
- B. Shall provide vehicle services, including but not limited to: fuel, oil, tire repair, battery, and radiator water.
- C. Shall provide public rest room facilities, each containing at least a sink, running water, and a flush toilet.
- D. Shall provide drinking water from a fountain or dispenser for public use.
- E. Shall provide a public telephone.
- F. Shall be open for business, with all of the above services and facilities available, and in a continuous operation, for at least 16 consecutive hours daily, seven (7) days a week, except that the qualified business shall not be considered to be in violation of this requirement when, as a result of a shortage of fuel, the facility is closed or when its hours of operation are reduced.
- G. Shall obtain and display any appropriate license or permit as may be required by law.
- H. A permittee may include the word "Diesel" or a Department of Transportation approved symbol for diesel, or the letters "LPG" for liquid propane fuel, or any other word or symbol that has been approved by the Department of Transportation which represent a type of fuel on the Logo Panel as specifically provided in the permit.

2. Food

The business:

- A. Shall be located not more than 4.8 km (3 mi) from the interchange where the Logo Panel is to be displayed according to the State Measured Distance.
- B. Shall accumulate at least seven (7) points from the following four (4) categories, but at least one point must be accumulated from Category 3:

Category 1. If the State Measured Distance is:

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|----|---|-----------------|
| a. | 0 to 0.8 km (0 to 0.5 mi), inclusive | assign 3 points |
| b. | Over 0.8 to 1.6 km (0.5 to 1.0 mi), inclusive | assign 2 points |
| c. | Over 1.6 to 4.8 km (1.0 to 3.0 mi), inclusive | assign 1 point |

Category 2. If the number of traffic control devices consisting of traffic signals or stop signs between said gore and said nearest driveway is:

- | | | |
|----|---------------------|-----------------|
| a. | 0-1 device | assign 3 points |
| b. | 2-3 devices | assign 2 points |
| c. | 4-5 devices | assign 1 point |
| d. | More than 5 devices | assign 0 points |

Category 3.

a. If the number of indoor seats totals:

- | | | |
|-----|----------------------|-----------------|
| (1) | 50 or more seats | assign 3 points |
| (2) | 30 seats to 49 seats | assign 2 points |
| (3) | 15 seats to 29 seats | assign 1 point |
| (4) | Less than 15 seats | assign 0 points |

Or

b. If the parking facilities for drive-in or drive-through service totals:

- | | | |
|-----|------------------------|-----------------|
| (1) | 20 or more spaces | assign 3 points |
| (2) | 11 spaces to 19 spaces | assign 2 points |
| (3) | 5 spaces to 10 spaces | assign 1 point |
| (4) | Less than 5 spaces | assign 0 points |

Category 4. When the distance as measured from said gore of the interchange where the Logo Panel is to be displayed to the gore of the next exit served by a food establishment which business would qualify for signing is:

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|----|---|-----------------|
| a. | Over 16 km (10 mi) | assign 3 points |
| b. | Over 4.8 to 16 km (3 to 10 mi), inclusive | assign 2 points |
| c. | 1.6 to 4.8 km (1 to 3 mi), inclusive | assign 1 point |
| d. | Less than 1.6 km (1 mi) | assign 0 points |

- C. Shall be in compliance with respect to licensing, approval, and regulation by any state agency and/or any political subdivision of the state having or exercising jurisdiction over the business premises. Licenses and permits required and issued by the state or its political subdivisions shall be displayed on the premises.
- D. Shall provide a public telephone.
- E. Shall provide public rest room facilities, each containing at least a sink, running water, and a flush toilet.
- F. Shall be open for business, with all the above services and facilities available, and in continuous operation for at least 12 consecutive hours daily, beginning not later than 7 a.m., six (6) days a week, and serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

3. Lodging

The business:

- A. Shall be located not more than 4.8 km (3 mi) from the interchange where the Logo Panel is to be displayed according to the State Measured Distance.

B. Shall accumulate at least seven (7) points from the following four (4) categories:**Category 1. If the State Measured Distance is:**

- a. 0 to 0.8 km (0 to 0.5 mi), inclusive assign 3 points
- b. Over 0.8 to 1.6 km (0.5 to 1.0 mi), inclusive assign 2 points
- c. Over 1.6 to 4.8 km (1.0 to 3.0 mi), inclusive assign 1 point

Category 2. If the number of traffic control devices consisting of traffic signals or stop signs between said gore and said nearest driveway is:

- a. 0-1 device assign 3 points
- b. 2-3 devices assign 2 points
- c. 4-5 devices assign 1 point
- d. More than 5 devices assign 0 points

Category 3. If the number of lodging units, each with private bath facilities, is:

- (1) 50 or more units assign 3 points
- (2) 30 units to 49 units assign 2 points
- (3) 15 units to 29 units assign 1 point
- (4) Less than 15 units assign 0 points

Category 4. When the distance as measured from said gore of the interchange where the Logo Panel is to be displayed to the gore of the next exit served by a lodging establishment which would qualify for signing is:

- a. Over 16 km (10 mi) assign 3 points
- b. Over 4.8 to 16 km (3 to 10 mi), inclusive assign 2 points
- c. 1.6 to 4.8 km (1 to 3 mi), inclusive assign 1 point
- d. Less than 1.6 km (1 mi) assign 0 points

- C. Shall be in compliance with respect to licensing, approval, and regulation by any state agency and/or any political subdivision of the state having or exercising jurisdiction over the business premises. Any licenses or permits, which are issued by the state or a local governmental body, shall be displayed on the premises.
- D. Shall provide at least one off-street passenger vehicle parking space for each lodging unit available for rent.
- E. Shall provide a public telephone.
- F. Shall be open for business, with all of the above services and facilities available, and in continuous operation 24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

4. Camping**The business:**

- A. Shall be located not more than 4.8 km (3 mi) from the interchange where the Logo Panel is to be displayed according to the State Measured Distance.
- B. Shall be in compliance with respect to licensing, approval, and regulation by any state agency and/or any political subdivision of the state having or exercising jurisdiction over the business premises or be operated by a governmental agency. Any license or permits, which are issued by the state or a local governmental body, shall be displayed on the premises.
- C. Must establish eligibility under at least one of the following three criteria:
 - 1. Shall have not less than 25 vehicular overnight camping units or spaces available for rent. Each unit or space must provide individual service and utility hook-ups suitable for travel trailers, campers, and other recreational vehicles. The facility shall be accessible to and capable of accommodating all types of recreational vehicles, travel trailers and campers.
 - 2. Shall have not less than 15 overnight camping units or spaces available, which will accommodate tents, and have at least one vehicle parking space for each unit or space available

for rent. Shall have sanitary facilities, and drinking water for the units or spaces, but not necessarily at each individual campsite.

3. Shall have not less than 30 overnight camping units or spaces available, consisting of a combination of the types specified in items A. and B. herein and above.
- D. Shall have an attendant on duty 24 hours a day to manage and maintain the facility while it is open for business.
- E. Shall be open for business and in continuous operation 24 hours a day, seven (7) days a week, except that seasonally the facility may be closed to the public for not more than 150 consecutive days, provided the Department has received proper notification together with a request to cover or remove all Logo Panels fastened to the Specific Service Signs.

5. “Fuel”, “Food”, “Lodging” and “Camping”

A Qualified Specific Service Business shall give written assurances of its conformity with all applicable laws concerning the provisions of public accommodations without regard to race, sex, religion, color, or national origin and shall not be in continuing breach of that assurance.

6. Equal Access

- A. The order of priority for granting permits to "LODGING" or "CAMPING" businesses for the installation of their Logo Panels on Specific Service (Mainline) Signs or Specific Service (Ramp) Signs, when applications are received from a greater number of Qualified Specific Service Businesses which meet the minimum eligibility criteria than there is space available on the Specific Service Sign, shall be determined based upon the State Measured Distance; with first priority going to the closest business, second priority to the next closest business, and so on until all available space on the Specific Service Sign has been allocated. The same order of priority shall apply when the maximum number of permits has been issued and a new application is received from a Qualified Specific Service Business located closer to the interchange than another qualified business, which is already signed.
- B. The order of priority for granting permits to "FOOD" or "FUEL" businesses for the installation of their Logo Panels on Specific Service (Mainline) Signs or Specific Service (Ramp) Signs, when applications are received from a greater number of Qualified Specific Service Businesses which meet the eligibility criteria than there is space available on the Specific Service Sign, shall be based upon the highest point accumulation from the following two (2) categories:

Category 1. If the State Measured Distance is:

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|----|---|-----------------|
| a. | 0 to 0.8 km (0 to 0.5 mi), inclusive | assign 3 points |
| b. | Over 0.8 to 1.6 km (0.5 to 1.0 mi), inclusive | assign 2 points |
| c. | Over 1.6 to 4.8 km (1.0 to 3.0 mi), inclusive | assign 1 point |

Category 2. If the business is open:

- | | | |
|----|---------------------|-----------------|
| a. | 20-24 hours per day | assign 3 points |
| b. | 16-20 hours per day | assign 2 points |
| c. | 12-16 hours per day | assign 1 point |

The same order of priority shall apply when the maximum number of permits has been issued and a new application is received from a Qualified Specific Service Business with a higher point accumulation than another qualified business, which is already signed.

Section 2F.02 Application

Standard:

All references to the “attraction” services in this section (Paragraph 1, Paragraph 6 and Paragraph 9 sub-heading E) are deleted and shall not be applicable in California. California Streets and Highways Code, Division 1, Chapter 1, Article 3, Section 101.7 and California Code of

Regulations, Title 21, Division 2, Chapter 19, Sections 2100 through 2120, do not include the “attractions” category.

Throughout this section, the word “Gas” is changed to “Fuel”. In California, the generic term FUEL is used for GAS.

In Paragraph 2 (“A Specific Service sign...”), the second sentence (“No more than...”) and the third sentence (“If three types...”) are deleted and replaced with the following:

No more than two types of services shall be represented on any sign or sign assembly. If two types of services are shown on one sign, then the logo panels shall be limited to three for each service (for a total of six logo panels). Refer California Code of Regulations, Title 21, Division 2, Chapter 19, Section 2110(f).

Paragraph 4 (“GAS, FOOD...”) is deleted and shall not be applicable in California. California Streets and Highways Code, Division 1, Chapter 1, Article 3, Section 101.7 includes the use of specific service signs for freeways only.

Section 2F.03 Logos and Logo Panels

Standard:

Throughout this section, the word “Gas” is changed to “Fuel”. In California, the generic term FUEL is used for GAS.

Section 2F.04 Number and Size of Logos and Signs

Standard:

In Paragraph 2 (“Each Specific Service sign...”) the second sentence (“There shall be...”) is deleted and replaced with the following:

There shall be no more than three logo panels for one of the two service types on the same sign or sign assembly. Refer California Code of Regulations, Title 21, Division 2, Chapter 19, Section 2110(f).

In Paragraph 4 (“Each logo panel...”), reference to expressways and conventional roads is deleted and shall not be applicable in California. California Streets and Highways Code, Division 1, Chapter 1, Article 3, Section 101.7 includes the use of specific service signs for freeways only.

The following is added to this section:

Standard:

A logo panel on signs for the mainline shall be 1200 mm (48 in) in width and 900 mm (36 in) in height.

A logo panel on signs for the ramps shall be 450 mm (18 in) in width and 300 mm (12 in) in height.

Section 2F.05 Size of Lettering

Standard:

In Paragraph 1 (“All letters and...”), reference to expressways and conventional roads is deleted and shall not be applicable in California. California Streets and Highways Code, Division 1, Chapter 1, Article 3, Section 101.7 includes the use of specific service signs for freeways only.

Section 2F.06 Signs at Interchanges

The following is added to this section:

Standard:

Specific Service signs shall be located between the previous interchange and sufficiently in advance of the approaching interchange so that the last sign is at least 0.4 km (0.25 mi) in advance of the gore of the approaching interchange with at least 240 m (800-ft) spacing between all Specific Service signs and between Specific Service signs and guide signs. Refer California Code of Regulations, Title 21, Division 2, Chapter 19, Section 2108(a).

Option:

At the discretion of the Department of Transportation, the location of the Specific Service signs with respect to their distances from the gore may be increased to avoid conflict with existing guide signs.

Section 2F.07 Single-Exit Interchanges**Standard:**

Paragraph 1 (“At single-exit...”) is deleted for application and shall not be used in California.

The following is added to this section:

Standard:

The Single-Exit Interchange (One Service) Mainline sign (CA Code SG42-1) shall be used for the Specific Service Signing Program (Logo Program) where there are at least four qualified facilities available with the possibility of more.

The Single-Exit Interchange (One Service) Mainline sign (CA Code SG42-2) shall be used for the Specific Service Signing Program (Logo Program) where there are one or two qualified facilities available and it is not likely that there will be more than three.

At numbered interchanges, the name of the service type followed by the appropriate exit number shall be displayed on one line above the logo panels for SG42-1 and SG42-2 (CA Codes) signs.

Option:

At unnumbered interchanges, the directional legend NEXT RIGHT (LEFT), SECOND RIGHT (LEFT), NEXT EXIT, or SECOND EXIT may be used in place of the exit number for SG42-1 and SG42-2 (CA Codes) signs.

Standard:

The Single-Exit Interchange (Two Services) Mainline sign (CA Code SG42-6) shall be used for the Specific Service Signing Program (Logo Program) where there are a limited number of services, three or four, in remote rural areas.

The Single-Exit Interchange (Two Services) Mainline sign (CA Code SG42-7) shall be used for the Specific Service Signing Program (Logo Program) where there are a limited number of services, one or two, in remote rural areas.

At numbered interchanges, the appropriate exit number shall be displayed on the first line and the name of each service type shall be displayed above the logo panels for SG42-6 and SG42-7 (CA Code) signs.

Option:

At unnumbered interchanges, the directional legend NEXT RIGHT (LEFT), SECOND RIGHT (LEFT), NEXT EXIT, or SECOND EXIT may be used in place of the exit number for SG42-6 and SG42-7 signs.

Standard:

The Single-Exit Interchange (One Service) Mainline sign (CA Code SG42-9) shall be used for the Specific Service Signing Program (Logo Program) where there is only one service, in remote rural areas.

At numbered interchanges, the name of the service type shall be displayed above the logo panel and the appropriate exit number shall be displayed above the service type.

Option:

At unnumbered interchanges, the directional legend NEXT RIGHT (LEFT), SECOND RIGHT (LEFT), NEXT EXIT, or SECOND EXIT may be used in place of the exit number for the SG42-9 (CA Code) sign.

Standard:

The Single-Exit Interchange (One Service) Mainline sign (CA Code SG42-10) shall be used for the Specific Service Signing Program (Logo Program) where there are at least two qualified facilities and it is not likely that there will be more than four.

At numbered interchanges, the name of the service type followed by the appropriate exit number shall be displayed on one line above the logo panels for the SG42-10 (CA Code) sign.

Option:

At unnumbered interchanges, the directional legend NEXT RIGHT (LEFT), SECOND RIGHT (LEFT), NEXT EXIT, or SECOND EXIT may be used in place of the exit number for the SG42-10 (CA Code) sign.

Section 2F.08 Double-Exit Interchanges

The following is added to this section:

Standard:

The Double-Exit Interchange Mainline sign (CA Code SG42-3) shall be used for the Specific Service Signing Program (Logo Program) where there are one or two qualified facilities available from each exit and it is not likely that there will be more than three from each exit.

At numbered interchanges, the name of the service type followed by the appropriate exit number shall be displayed on one line above the logo panels for the SG42-3 (CA Code) sign.

Option:

At unnumbered interchanges, the directional legend NEXT RIGHT (LEFT), SECOND RIGHT (LEFT), NEXT EXIT, or SECOND EXIT may be used in place of the exit number for the SG42-3 (CA Code) sign.

Standard:

The Double-Exit Interchange Mainline sign (CA Code SG42-11) shall be used for the Specific Service Signing Program (Logo Program) where there is at least one qualified facility available from each exit and it is not likely that there will be more than two from each exit.

At numbered interchanges, the name of the service type followed by the appropriate exit number shall be displayed on one line above the logo panels for the SG42-11 (CA Code) sign.

Option:

At unnumbered interchanges, the directional legend NEXT RIGHT (LEFT), SECOND RIGHT (LEFT), NEXT EXIT, or SECOND EXIT may be used in place of the exit number for the SG42-11 (CA Code) sign.

Section 2F.09 Signs at Intersections**Standard:**

This section is deleted for application and shall not be used in California. California Streets and Highways Code, Division 1, Chapter 1, Article 3, Section 101.7 includes the use of specific service signs for freeways only.

The tourist-oriented information and specific service information signs shall be separate installations. Refer California Streets and Highways Code, Division 1, Chapter 1.5, Article 3, Section 229.285.

Section 2F.10 Signing Policy

The following is added to this section:

Support:

California Streets and Highways Code, Division 1, Chapter 1, Article 3, Section 101.7 provides for placement of Specific Service Signs (Logo Sign Program) on all rural freeways in California. The term "rural" for this purpose means any area outside of an "urban" area. An urban area is an area encompassing a population of 5,000 or more.

California Code of Regulations, Title 21, Division 2, Chapter 19, Sections 2100 through 2120 contain standards for the Specific Service Signs (Logo Sign Program).

Standard:

No new Specific Service (CA Code SG42 Series) signs shall be installed in a geographic area with a population over 5,000 as identified on maps prepared by the Department of Transportation based on the most recent United States Bureau of Census data.

When a geographic area exceeds a population of 5,000, Specific Service signs in that area, which were in place prior to the population increase, shall remain in place until new census data shows population levels exceeding 10,000. The Specific Service signs shall then be removed.

Section 2F.101 Signs at Ramps (CA Codes SG42-4, 42-5, 42-8 and 42-12)

Standard:

Specific Service (Ramp) Signs shall be located on, opposite of, or at the terminus of an off-ramp, in the same direction of travel as the Specific Service (Mainline) Signs (See Section 2F.07 and 2F.08). As viewed in the direction of travel, the successive signs shall be those for "CAMPING," "LODGING," "FOOD," and "FUEL" in that order.

If either the business premises or an On-Site Sign of a Qualified Specific Service Business is not visible from any point on the off-ramp or from the terminus of the off-ramp, the Owner or Responsible Operator shall be required to make application to have a Logo Panel placed on a Specific Service (Ramp) Sign.

Option:

If either the business premises or an on-site sign of a Qualified Specific Service Business is visible from any point on the off-ramp or from the terminus of the off-ramp, the Owner or Responsible Operator may apply for placement of a Logo Panel on the Specific Service (Ramp) Sign.

The Department of Transportation may require that a Logo panel be placed on a Specific Service (Ramp) Sign when either the business premises or an On-Site Sign is visible from the off-ramp or from the terminus of the off-ramp, if a sign is necessary to avoid misdirection of the motorist because of the complexity of the interchange.

Appropriate trailblazers may be required by the Department along other public highways as necessary to adequately direct motorists to the business referred to on any Logo Panel.

Standard:

The Logo Panels fastened to a Specific Service (Ramp) Sign or a trailblazer sign shall be the same in shape, color, and message as those shown on the Specific Service (Mainline) Signs, but shall be of smaller size.

Support:

The Specific Service Ramp sign (CA Code SG42-4) may be used for the Specific Service Signing Program (Logo Program) at an exit ramp where there are one or two qualified facilities available and it is not likely that there will be more than three in each direction.

The Specific Service Ramp sign (CA Code SG42-5) may be used for the Specific Service Signing Program (Logo Program) at an exit ramp where there are only one or two qualified facilities in only one direction.

The Specific Service Ramp sign (CA Code SG42-12) may be used for the Specific Service Signing Program (Logo Program) where there is only one qualified facility available and it is not likely that there will ever be more.

Standard:

Ramp signs shall be installed along the ramp or at the ramp terminal for facilities that have logo panels displayed along the main roadway if the facilities are not readily visible from the ramp terminal. Directions to the service facilities shall be indicated by arrows on the ramp signs. Logo panels on Specific Service ramp signs shall be duplicates of those displayed on the mainline signs located in advance of the interchange, but shall be reduced in size.

Support:

The Specific Service Ramp sign (CA Code SG42-8) may be used for the Specific Service Signing Program (Logo Program) in combination with a Directional Arrow Auxiliary (M6 Series) signs, at an exit ramp terminus, as a follow-up sign to freeway signs. A Mileage Plate may be applied to the sign panel, under the business logo where a business is not visible from the sign's location.

CHAPTER 2G. TOURIST-ORIENTED DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

Section 2G.01 Purpose and Application

Standard:

Paragraph 5 (“Where both...”) is deleted. The tourist-oriented information and specific service information signs shall be separate installations. Refer to California Streets and Highways Code, Division 1, Chapter 1.5, Article 3, Section 229.285.

The following is added to this section:

Support:

Refer to California Streets and Highways Code, Division 1, Chapter 1.5 for administration, standards, eligibility, and fees concerning the tourist-oriented directional signs. See Section 1A.11 for information regarding these publications.

Section 2G.02 Design

Standard:

Paragraphs 4 (“The tourist-oriented...”) and 5 (“The TOURIST ACTIVITIES...”) are deleted. The TOURIST ACTIVITIES word message unnecessarily increases the height of the sign.

Paragraph 7 (“Logos for specific...”) is deleted. The tourist-oriented information and specific service information signs shall be separate installations. Refer to California Streets and Highways Code, Division 1, Chapter 1.5, Article 3, Section 229.285.

MUTCD Figures 2G-1 and 2G-2 are deleted. Figure 2G-1 (CA) shall be used instead.

Section 2G.04 Arrangement and Size of Signs

Standard:

This section is deleted. Figure 2G-1 (CA) and Department of Transportation’s “Traffic Sign Specifications” for Tourist Oriented Directional (CA Codes SG44-1 and SG44-2) signs shall be used for arrangement and size of tourist-oriented directional signs. A single sign arrangement is used in California for tourist-oriented directional signs.

MUTCD Figures 2G-1 and 2G-2 are deleted. Figure 2G-1 (CA) shall be used instead.

Section 2G.05 Advance Signs

Standard:

This section is deleted. Advance signs are not used in California for tourist-oriented directional signs.

Section 2G.06 Sign Locations

Standard:

Paragraph 2 (“If used, advance...”) is deleted. Advance signs are not used in California for tourist-oriented directional signs.

Section 2G.07 State Policy

The following is added to this section:

Option:

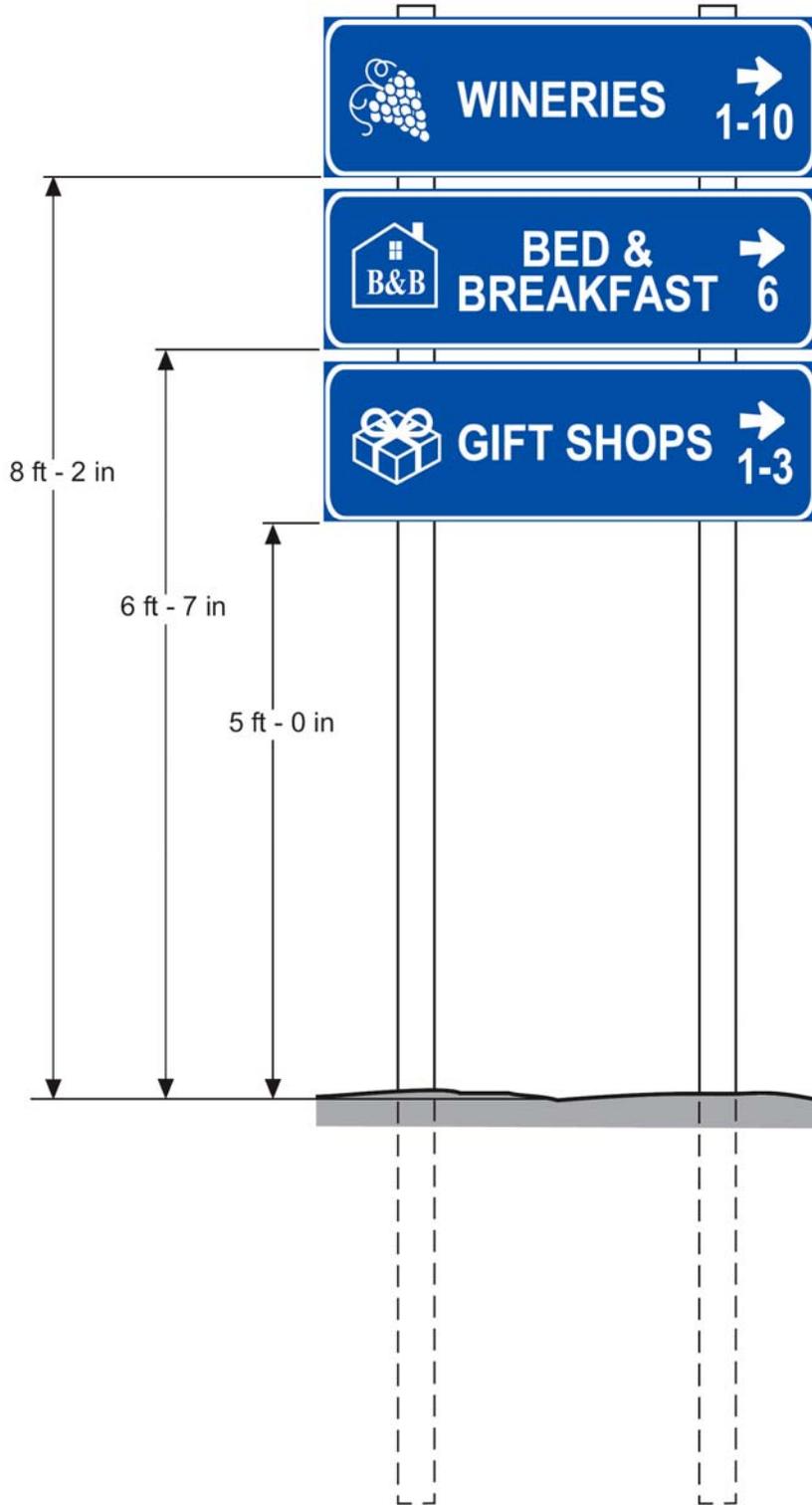
The Tourist Oriented Directional (CA Codes SG44-1 and SG44-2) signs may be placed at qualifying conventional rural highway intersections.

Support:

These qualifying intersections are described in Chapter 1.5 of the Streets and Highways Code.

Refer to California Streets and Highways Code, Division 1, Chapter 1.5 for administration, standards, eligibility, and fees concerning the tourist-oriented directional signs. See Section 1A.11 for information regarding these publications.

Figure 2G-1 (CA). Example of Tourist-Oriented Directional Signs



CHAPTER 2H. RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL INTEREST AREA SIGNS

Section 2H.02 Application of Recreational and Cultural Interest Area Signs

The following is added to this section:

Support:

The recreational and cultural interest area signs are supplemental signs and are subject to the same spacing and number of messages limitations set forth in Chapters 2A, 2D and 2E. Under these limitations, the supplemental destination, recreational and cultural interest area signs compete for signing on the basis of traffic service.

Guidance:

Recreational area signs to National Parks and State Parks should normally include the name of the area. County and City Park signs should not normally include the name.

Option:

Recreational area signs may be placed for the following facilities:

- National Parks or Monuments.
- State Parks, when located within 8 km (5 mi) of the highway.
- County Parks, when located within 4.8 km (3 mi) of the highway.
- In urban areas, City Parks within 1.6 km (1 mi) may be signed from conventional highways. Normally, City Parks will not be signed to from metropolitan freeways.
- Campgrounds in National Forests or State Parks may be signed from conventional highways when the entrances are located on the highway. An advance sign reading "Campground 1/4 mile" may be placed. Signs at the immediate entrance will be placed by the agency having jurisdiction over the campground.
- Major rural recreational areas may be signed by name. When a recreational area is served by more than a single exit, the appropriate colored NEXT X EXITS (E9) sign may be used. Normally, the sign will include the name of the area and the text "RECREATIONAL AREA".
- In rural recreational areas, guide signs may be supplemented with white on brown symbol signs mounted below indicating recreational facilities available to the motorists.

Guidance:

On State highways, signs to major rural recreational areas that include a jurisdictional logo or are unique in shape should be placed under an encroachment permit from the Department of Transportation.

Standard:

Placement of these signs to major rural recreational areas shall be by the jurisdiction or agency making the request through the normal permit process as a fee exempt permit.

These signs shall be installed in accordance with the Department of Transportation's Standard Plans publication. See Section 1A.11 for more information regarding this publication.

Guidance:

These signs to major rural recreational areas should be limited to areas where they do not block or interfere with other signs necessary for safe and efficient operation of the highway. The sign panels should be clearly marked as to the ownership.

Standard:

The use of the following symbol signs shall conform to the warrants shown here and in Section 2D.45:

General Information

Option:

The Automobile (RG-010) sign indicates that automobiles may use the signed facility within a recreation area.

Standard:

The RG-010 sign shall not be used on State highways.

Option:

The Dam (RG-030) sign may be used to indicate dams, located within 1.6 km (1 mi) of the highway, that have recreational activities with parking, water access, power plant tours and picnicking, which do not meet warrants for other recreational symbols.

The Deer Viewing Area (RG-040) sign may be placed to indicate an area which is determined by the Department of Fish and Game to be particularly well suited for viewing deer and other wild life. This area should have adequate parking and be within 1.6 km (1 mi) of the highway, via a well-maintained road.

The Drinking Water (RG-050) sign may be used to indicate free public drinking water within 0.4 km (0.25 mi) of the highway where no other publicly accessible drinking water is available within 16 km (10 mi).

The Fish Hatchery (RG-090) sign may be used to indicate publicly administered hatcheries that are within 4.8 km (3 mi) of the highway and open for visitors at least 8 hours per day, 180 days per year.

The Information (RG-100) sign may be used to indicate publicly operated informational facilities that are located within 1.6 km (1 mi) of the highway and open all year.

The Lighthouse (RG-120) sign may be used for lighthouse facilities that are within 4.8 km (3 mi) of the highway and open for visitors at least 8 hours per day, 180 days per year.

The Lookout Tower (RG-140) sign may be used for lookout facilities that are publicly owned, within 4.8 km (mi) of the highway, and open for visitors at least 8 hours per day, 180 days per year.

Standard:

Follow up signs to the RG-140 sign, where required, shall be installed by the local authority having jurisdiction in the area.

Option:

The Ranger Station (RG-170) sign may be used for public agency ranger stations that are within 1.6 km (1 mi) of the highway and open all year.

The Truck (RG-190) sign indicates that trucks may use the signed facility within a recreation area.

Standard:

The RG-190 sign shall not be used on State highways.

Option:

The Wildlife Viewing (CA Code G200-81) sign may be used to direct motorists to the Wildlife Viewing Areas as published in the California Watchable Viewing Guide.

Standard:

The WILDLIFE VIEWING (CA Code G200-81A) sign shall be placed below the Wildlife Viewing (CA Code G200-81) sign.

Option:

The Botanical Management Area (CA Code G200-82) sign may be used to identify areas along the State highway right-of-way that are environmentally significant natural remnants of California's botanical diversity, as designated by the Office of State Landscape Architecture.

Guidance:

The G200-82 (CA Code) sign should be placed in combination with the BOTANICAL MANAGEMENT AREA (CA Code G200-82A) plaque.

The G200-82A (CA Code) plaque should be placed below the G200-82 (CA Code) sign.

Option:

The El Camino Real Adopt-A-Highway (CA Code S16-8) sign may be placed to acknowledge the contribution made toward the repair, restoration and maintenance of new mission bell markers. The Adopt-A-Highway guidelines in Section 2D.48 will apply.

Motorist Services**Option:**

The Camping (Tent) (RM-010) sign may be used for campsite facilities, either public or private, located within 4.8 km (3 mi) of the highway.

Standard:

For the use of RM-010 sign, a minimum of 15 campsites shall be provided. Water and sanitary facilities shall be available, but not necessarily at each individual campsite.

Option:

The Camping (Trailer) (RM-020) sign may be used to indicate trailer site facilities within a public recreation area, located within 4.8 km (3 mi) of the highway.

Standard:

For the use of RM-010 sign, a minimum of 15 trailer sites shall be provided. Water and sanitary facilities shall be available.

Option:

The Ferry (RM-030) sign may be used to indicate recreational ferry operations within 3.2 km (2 mi) of the highway.

The Food Service (RM-050) sign may be used to sign for food service facilities in public recreation areas which meet the criteria for food (D9-8) signs in Section 2D.45. On State highways, only the D9-8 sign is used, where appropriate, to sign for food service facilities.

The Gas (RM-060) sign may be used to indicate fuel stations in public recreation areas, which meet the criteria for Gas (D9-7) signs in Section 2D.45. On State highways, only the D9-7 sign may be used where appropriate.

The Grocery Store (RM-070) sign may be used within public recreation areas for facilities within 1.6 km (1 mi) of the highway that provide standard grocery items such as eggs, bread, milk and fruit, provided there are no other similar facilities within 16 km (10 mi).

Standard:

For the use of RM-070 sign, services shall be available at least 12 hours per day.

Option:

The Handicapped (RM-080) sign may be used in public recreation areas where paved ramps and rest room facilities accessible to, and usable by, the physically handicapped are provided. On State highways and at other State facilities, only the International Symbol of Accessibility for the Handicapped (D9-6) sign is to be used.

The Lodging (RM-090) sign may be used to indicate lodging facilities in public recreation areas, which meet the criteria for lodging (D9-9) signs in Section 2D.45. On State highways, only the D9-9 sign is used, where appropriate, to sign to lodging facilities.

The Mechanic (RM-100) sign may be used to indicate facilities in public recreation areas with automotive repair capability.

Standard:

The RM-100 sign shall not be used on State highways.

Option:

The Picnic Area (RM-120) sign may be used for picnic areas, either public or private, located within 1.6 km (1 mi) of the highway.

Standard:

For the use of RM-120 sign, a minimum of 10 sites with tables shall be provided. Water and sanitary facilities shall be available.

Option:

The Rest Room (RM-140) sign may be used to indicate free public access to a restroom within 0.4 km (0.25 mi) of the highway where no other publicly accessible restroom is available within 16 km (10 mi).

The Telephone (RM-150) sign may be used within public recreation areas where a public telephone is available 24 hours a day and it is located in a remote area where it is not expected. On State highways, only the Telephone (D9-1) sign is used, where appropriate, to indicate the availability of a telephone.

The Trailer Sanitary Station (RM-160) sign may be used to indicate dump stations where recreational vehicles may dispose of their holding tank waste.

Standard:

For the use of RM-160 sign, the station shall be located within a public recreation area and within 1.6 km (1 mi) of the highway.

Option:

The Viewing Area (RM-170) sign may be used to direct motorists to public recreation area sites, located within 0.4 km (0.25 mi) of the highway, which have significant views.

Guidance:

For the use of RM-170 sign, the sites should have adequate parking and well maintained access. On freeways, the VISTA POINT (D5-2) sign should be used where appropriate. Refer to Section 2D.43.

Accommodation Services

Option:

The Airport (RA-010) sign may be used in public recreation areas to direct motorist to airports, which meet the criteria, specified for Airport (I-5) signs. Only the I-5 and Conventional Airport (CA Code G94-1) signs may be used on State highways to indicate nearby airports.

The Parking (RA-080) sign may be used to indicate public parking facilities less than 0.4 km (0.25 mi) from a highway in recreation areas.

Guidance:

Use of RA-080 signs should be restricted to locations outside of urbanized zones, where the Parking Area (D4-1) sign is inappropriate.

Land Recreation

Option:

The Amphitheater (RL-010) sign may be used to identify an amphitheater facility within 1.6 km (1 mi) of the highway.

The Playground (RL-050) sign may be used to identify playgrounds within a recreation area and not more than 1.6 km (1 mi) from the highway.

The Trail (Bicycle) (RL-090) sign may be used for identifying bicycle trails located within public recreation areas.

Guidance:

On State highways, the Bike Lane (CA Code R81) or the Bike Route (D11-1) signs should be used instead of the RL-090 sign.

Option:

The Trail (Hiking) (RL-100) sign may be used for marked and maintained hiking trails.

Standard:

For the use of RL-100 sign, the trailhead shall be within 1.6 km of the highway, with sufficient parking to accommodate normal demand.

Option:

The Trail (Horse) (RL-110) sign may be used for identifying horse trails located within public recreation areas.

Guidance:

For the use of RL-110 sign, the trailhead should be within 4.8 km (3 mi) of the highway.

Option:

The Trail (Recreational Vehicle) (RL-140) sign may be used to identify recreation vehicle trails located within public recreation areas.

Guidance:

For the use of RL-140 sign, the trailhead should be 4.8 km (3 mi) or less from the highway. For this application, the term "recreation vehicle" is synonymous with "off highway vehicle" (OHV), which includes

vehicles with two or more wheels. The OHV TRAIL (CA Code S12) sign should be used at points where off-highway vehicle trails intersect highways.

Option:

The Trail (Trail Bike) (RL-150) sign may be used to identify trail bike trails located within public recreation areas.

Guidance:

For the use of RL-150 sign, the trailhead should be 4.8 km (3 mi) or less from the highway. The OHV TRAIL (CA Code S12) sign should be used where the trail intersects the highway.

Option:

The Tramway (RL-160) sign may be used to identify recreational tramways or gondolas that provide year-round service and are located within 8 km (5 mi) of the highway.

The Golf Course (CA Code G200-80) sign may be used to identify a 9 hole or more golf course within 4.8 km (3 mi) on a conventional highway which does not have its main entrance adjacent to the highway. The G200-80 (CA Code) signs may be installed under permit by local agencies only.

Standard:

The G200-80 (CA Code) signs shall not be used at driving ranges or miniature golf courses.

Option:

The OHV TRAIL (CA Code S12) sign may be used to direct off highway vehicle operators to the location of a OHV trail. The S12 (CA Code) sign may be supplemented by a white on brown Directional Arrow Auxiliary (M6 Series) sign.

Water Recreation

Option:

The Canoeing (RW-020) sign may be used to indicate where canoeing facilities and services are available within 4.8 km (3 mi) of the highway.

The Diving (RW-030) sign may be used to indicate a diving facility within a recreational area.

The Diving (Scuba) (RW-040) sign may be used to indicate areas suitable for scuba diving within 4.8 km (3 mi) of the highway.

The Fishing (RW-050) sign may be used to indicate a fishing area, either public or private, within 4.8 km (3 mi) of the highway.

The Marina (RW-060) sign may be used to indicate an area where boats can be anchored and serviced within 4.8 km (3 mi) of the highway.

The Motorboating (RW-070) sign may be used to indicate areas where motorboating facilities and services are available within 4.8 km (3 mi) of the highway.

The Ramp (Launch) (RW-080) sign may be used to indicate boat launching facilities, either public or private, located within 4.8 km (3 mi) of the highway.

The Rowboating (RW-090) sign may be used to indicate areas where Rowboating facilities and services are available within 4.8 km (3 mi) of the highway.

The Sailboating (RW-100) sign may be used to indicate areas where Sailboating facilities and services are available within 4.8 km (3 mi) of the highway.

The Skiing (Water) (RW-110) sign may be used to indicate areas where water-skiing facilities and services are available within 4.8 km (3 mi) of the highway.

The Surfing (RW-120) sign may be used to indicate areas suitable for surfing within 4.8 km (3 mi) of the highway.

Guidance:

For the use of RW-120 sign, adequate parking should also be available.

Option:

The Swimming (RW-130) sign may be used to indicate a swimming facility within a recreational area.

Winter Recreation**Option:**

The Skating (Ice) (RS-010) sign may be used to indicate ice skating facilities within 8 km (5 mi) of the highway.

The Ski Jumping (RS-020) sign may be used to indicate ski jumping facilities within 8 km (5 mi) of the highway.

The Skiing (Bobbing) (RS-030) sign may be used to indicate ski bobbing facilities within 1.6 km (1 mi) of the highway.

Guidance:

For the use of RS-030 sign, there should be sufficient parking to accommodate normal demand.

Option:

The Skiing (Cross Country) (RS-040) sign may be used to indicate cross country skiing facilities within 1.6 km (1 mi) of the highway.

Guidance:

For the use of RS-040 sign, there should be sufficient parking to accommodate normal demand.

Option:

The Skiing (Downhill) (RS-050) sign may be used to indicate down hill skiing facilities located within 8 km (5 mi) of the highway.

The Sledding (RS-060) sign may be used to indicate sledding facilities within 1.6 km (1 mi) of the highway.

Guidance:

For the use of RS-060 sign, there should be sufficient parking to accommodate normal demand.

Option:

The Snowmobiling (RS-070) sign may be used to indicate Snowmobiling facilities within 1.6 km (1 mi) of the highway.

Guidance:

For the use of RS-070 sign, there should be a paved loading area at any such facility which is at least 6 m (20 ft) wide (measured perpendicular to the traveled way) and sufficient parking to accommodate normal demand. Parking spaces should be sized for vehicles with small trailers.

Option:

The Snowshoeing (RS-080) sign may be used to indicate an area within 1.6 km (1 mi) of the highway where special facilities or services are available for Snowshoeing.

Guidance:

For the use of RS-080 sign, there should be sufficient parking to accommodate normal demand.

Option:

The Winter Recreation Area (RS-090) sign may be used to indicate a winter recreation area within 1.6 km (1 mi) of the highway when other recreation symbols are not appropriate.

Guidance:

For the use of RS-090 sign, there should be sufficient parking to accommodate normal demand.

Sno-Park Signs**Option:**

Only those specific parking areas designated by the Department of Parks and Recreation may be signed as Sno-Park parking areas. Parking is by permit only.

The SNO-PARK X MILE (CA Code SG30) sign may be used on expressways or conventional highways to give advance notice of a snow plowed parking area. The SNO-PARK with Arrow (CA Code SG32) sign may be used on expressways or conventional highways in advance of a turn off to a snow plowed parking area.

The SNO-PARK NEXT RIGHT (CA Code SG31) sign may be used on freeways to give advance notice of an exit to a snow plowed parking area. The SNO-PARK (CA Code SG34) sign may be placed below an

existing Advance Guide (CA Code G83 Series) or Supplemental Destination (CA Code G86 Series) sign on freeways to indicate an exit to a snow plowed parking area.

Standard:

If the SG31 or SG34 (CA Codes) sign is used, a SNO-PARK with Arrow (CA Code SG33) sign shall be placed at the ramp terminal.

Guidance:

If used, the PERMIT REQUIRED (CA Code SG35) sign should be placed below the SG30 or SG31 (CA Codes) sign and the PERMIT REQUIRED NOV 1 TO MAY 30 (CA Code SG35-1) sign should be placed below the SG32 or SG33 (CA Codes) sign. Placement should be under the sign, which is nearest to the Sno-Park entrance.

Between November 1 and May 30, during periods when snow is not available for recreational activities, the SG35 and SG35-1 (CA Codes) signs should be covered.

Standard:

At the end of the Sno-Park season, May 30, the SG35 and SG35-1 (CA Codes) signs shall be covered or removed.

Section 2H.08 Placement of Recreational and Cultural Interest Area Symbol Signs

The following is added to this section:

Guidance:

The symbol signs should be placed below the first advance ground-mounted directional sign.

Section 2H.09 Destination Guide Signs

The following is added to this section:

Option:

The Historic District Supplemental Destination (CA Code G86-11) signs may be placed directing traffic to a commercial or residential area that is of historic significance to a community and is recognized as such in the National Register of Historic Places.

Standard:

For a Historic District to be signed from a State highway, its boundaries shall be within 4.8 km (3 mi) of the highway. Only one sign, for each direction shall be allowed and it will be from the nearest State highway. The type of sign, whether it is a supplemental plate under an existing Supplemental Destination (CA Code G86 Series) sign or a stand alone sign shall be determined by the Department of Transportation. Any follow-up signs, if needed, shall be in place before the highway signs are installed.

The requesting local agency's shall be responsible for consulting with the Department of Parks and Recreation, Office of Historic Preservation to verify the Historic District's official name and to insure there are no conflicts with existing historic landmarks or points of historical interest signs which may already be in place.

When the above requirements are met, the requesting agency shall adopt a resolution, requesting Department of Transportation to place the signs. The cost of these signs, and their installation shall be the responsibility of the requesting agency.

Section 2H.101 Historical Landmark Signs (CA Code G13-1, G13-2 and G14)

Standard:

The Historical Landmark (CA Code G13-1 and G13-2) signs and the Advance Historical Landmark (CA Code G14) sign shall have a brown legend and border on a cream colored background.

Option:

The G13-1, G13-2 and G14 (CA Codes) signs may be in addition to the normal compliment of signs, but minimum spacing will be maintained.

The G13-1, G13-2 and G14 (CA Codes) signs may be placed directing to Historical Landmarks that are registered with the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Standard:

On freeways, the G13-1, G13-2 and G14 (CA Codes) signs shall be limited to those more important and better known landmarks where some physical evidence remains, such as missions, forts, state monuments, etc., rather than mere sites of former buildings or happenings.

The Office of Historic Preservation within the Department of Parks and Recreation (or the Resource Protection Division in the case of State Historic Park sites) shall be notified prior to the removal of existing G13-1, G13-2 and G14 (CA Codes) signs.

Guidance:

The Historical Landmark (CA Code G13-1) sign should be used on conventional highways to guide motorist by the most direct route to registered historical landmarks which are located within 8 km (5 mi) of the highway. The sign should be placed not more than 45 m (150 ft) in advance of the intersection on the right.

The Historical Landmark (CA Code G13-2) sign should be used on freeways to guide motorists to the original 21 California Missions and other important well-known historical landmarks. See Section 123.5 of the Streets and Highways Code for signing to Missions. The G13-2 (CA Code) sign should also be used on freeways to guide motorists to historical landmarks that have a profound impact on the history of California as a whole.

Option:

Supplemental Destination (CA Code G86 Series) signs (white text on green background) may be used on freeways where the landmark generates considerable traffic.

Standard:

These G86 Series (CA Code) signs shall be followed up by standard Historical Landmark signs on the next exit ramps.

Guidance:

The Advance Historical Landmark (CA Code G14) sign should be used in advance of a registered historical landmark monument or plaque within or adjacent to the right of way. The sign should be placed 150 to 450 m (500 to 1500 ft) in advance of the landmark or monument on the right, depending on the approach speed of traffic.

Section 2H.102 POINT OF HISTORICAL INTEREST Sign (CA Code G15)**Standard:**

The POINT OF HISTORICAL INTEREST (CA Code G15) sign shall have a cream legend on a brown background.

The G15 (CA Code) sign shall not be used on freeways.

Option:

The POINT OF HISTORICAL INTEREST (CA Code G15) sign may be used to direct the public to a historical point of interest that has been registered with the Office of Historic Preservation, Department of Parks and Recreation. The G15 (CA Code) sign may be used on the right on city streets or conventional rural highways.

Support:

The G15 (CA Code) sign is placed when requested by local authorities, after markers or other identification have been placed at the location and follow-up signs. If necessary, have been installed.

Section 2H.103 Historic Route Signs (CA Code SG2, SG2A, S18 and S25)**Guidance:**

The EL CAMINO REAL (CA Code SG2) sign should be used in combination with the Mission Bell assembly, to identify the original route of El Camino Real.

The HISTORIC EL CAMINO REAL (CA Code SG2A) sign should be used in combination with the Mission Bell assembly, to identify Historic El Camino Real.

Option:

The Historic Route (CA Code S18) sign may be used to identify a “Historic Route” when directed by the Legislature.

Support:

The Department of Transportation and local agencies with portions of Historic Routes under their jurisdiction, upon application by an interested local agency or private group and receiving donations from non-State sources for the cost of the sign and their installation, will place these signs as requested.

The Historic Route 99 (CA Code S25) sign is used to identify “Historic Route 99”.

The Department of Transportation and local agencies with portions of former U.S. Route 99 currently under their jurisdiction, upon application by an interested local agency or private group and receiving donations from non-State sources for the cost of the sign and their installation, will place these signs as requested.

Guidance:

Suggested placement should be staggered in each direction at approximately 16 km (10 mi) intervals on conventional highways and 40 km (25 mi) intervals on freeways for the S18 and S25 (CA Codes) signs.

Section 2H.104 Historic Bridge Signs (CA Codes S29, S29-1 and S29-2)**Guidance:**

The Historic Bridge (CA Codes S29 and S29-1) sign should be used to identify 280 bridges in the State that are of historical significance and appear in the Department of Transportation’s publication titled “Historical Highway Bridges of California”. See Section 1A.11 for information regarding this publication.

The Advance Historic Bridge (CA Code S29-2) sign should be used in advance of a historic bridge to direct the public to the historic bridge.

Support:

The initial installation of the Historic Bridge signs was through a grant provided under the ISTEA Enhancement Program and administered by the Department of Transportation’s Environmental Program. Maintenance for the existing signs is borne by the agency responsible for the bridge.

CHAPTER 2I. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SIGNING

Support:

No Comments.

This MUTCD Chapter is adopted as is for California.